IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Two cases in which ganja was seized from the vehicles of Border Road Task Force (BRTF)/Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in the North-Eastern Region have come to the notice of the Government during 1988.

In the first case in which 780 kgs. of ganja were seized on 22.6.1988, the driver of BRTF vehicle is reported to be involved.

In the second case in which 780 kgs. of ganja were seized on 20.7.1988, the drug was reported to have been loaded by an ex-Naik of CRPF.

Necessary action to proceed against the persons/officials involved has been initiated including institution of departmental enquiry in one case.

Detention of VIPs at Sahar Airport (Bombay) for bringing banned items

1717. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Customs Officers at Bombay Sahar Airport detained/arrested five VIPs arriving by an Alitalia flight on the 24th September night for bringing in banned items;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these VIPs did not declare their goods and were trying to pass through the green channel;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Investigation into divestment of Bombay Dyeing's holdings

1718. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an investigation has been ordered by his Ministry into the divestment of Bombay Dyeing's holdings in a very profitable company, National Peroxide in favour of Mr. Nusli Wadia, his family members and close associates as reported in the Times of India dated the 17th February, 1988 under the heading "Renewal of Nusli's Permit decried"; and

(b) if so, what are the findings of such investigation and action proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

12.00. NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

[**The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair]

I. **Report and Accounts (1987-88) of the Central Board for the Prevention and control of Pollution, New Delhi and related papers.**

II. **Statement giving reasons for not laying the Report and Audited Accounts (1986-87) of the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling within the stipulated period.**

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): MADAM, I beg to lay on the Table—

I A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report of the Central Board for the Prevention and

Control of Pollution, New Delhi, for the year 1987-88, under sub-section (1) of section 39 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.

(ii) Annual Accounts of the Central Board for the Prevention and Control of Pollution, New Delhi, for the year 1987-88, and the Auditors' Report thereon, under sub-section (6) of section 40 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.

(iii) Review by the Government on the working of the Board.

[Placed in Library, *See* No. LT-6806/88 for (i) to (iii)]

II. A statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for not laying the Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling, for the year 1986-87, within the stipulated period. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6807/88]

I. Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) under the customs Act, 1962.

II. Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) under the Central Excises and Salt Act, 1944.

III. The Regional Rural Banks (Appointment and Promotion of officers and other Employees) Rules, 1988.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 159 of the Customs Act 1962, together with explanatory memoranda on the Notifications:—

I (1) G.S.R No. 925(E) dated the 13th September, 1988 amending Notification No. 71/87-Customs dated the 1st March, 1987 so as to extend the concessional customs duty to three more items of machinery, extend the validity of the Notification upto the 31st March, 1990 and amplify the description of airjet looms covered therein

(2) G.S.R. No. 930 (E) dated the 16th September, 1988, seeking to exempt four items of machinery used for the manufacture of packaging media from basic customs duty in excess of 35 per cent *ad-valorem* and the whole of the additional duty of customs leviable thereon.

(3) G.S.R. No. 931 (E) dated the 16th September, 1988 exempting goods covered by Notification G.S.R. No. 930(E) dated 16-9-88 from the whole of the auxiliary duty of customs leviable thereon.

(4) G.S.R. No. 941 (E) dated the 19th September, 1988 amending Notification No. 88/87-Customs dated 1st March, 1987 so as to change the basic customs duty on items such as self-adhesive plates sheets, films, foil, tape, strip and other flat shapes of plastics, whether or not in rolls covered by Chapter Heading No 39.19 of Customs Tariff Act, from Rs. 100 per Kg. to 50 per cent *ad-valorem* plus Rs. 35 per Kg.

(5) G.S.R. No. 942 (E) dated the 19th September, 1988 amending Notification No. 158/88- Customs and 162/88-Customs, dated the 13th May, 1988 so as to subject 'Plans' to auxiliary duty of Customs at the rate of 30 per cent *ad-valorem*. instead of the present 'nil' rate of auxiliary duty leviable thereon.

(6) G.S.R. No. 943 (E) dated the 20th September, 1988, exempting black pepper, when exported out of India, from the whole of the duty of Customs leviable thereon.

(7) G.S.R. No. 946 (E) dated the 21st September, 1988 superseding Notification No. 132/87-Customs dated the 19th March, 1987 so as to exclude specified goods from the